



## Greater Shepparton College (interim name) – Year 9 -Mooroopna Campus-

Last week's visit from the Minister for Education and the Premier of Victoria, Mr James Merlino and the announcement of the transition plans for 2020 and 2021, gives us the opportunity to talk to you about the exciting plans we have for our current Year Eight students – who will be the first students to engage in the Year Nine program at our Mooroopna Campus.

Year 9 is the most challenging of all of the secondary school years; it is traditionally the year that all our current educational research tells us is the most difficult time for students to maintain motivation and a connection with schooling. This is the reason that so many schools in Victoria and across Australia choose to house and teach their Year 9 Students within a dedicated Year 9 program.

Our Year 9 Program is being designed and developed by teachers, students and leaders from across the four secondary schools. We will be influenced by our investigations of other Year 9 programs around the state in determining the key components of a high quality learning experience.

We firmly believe that students need, not only choice, but also time to explore subjects that allow them to learn through experience. We will place a real focus on student engagement in the design and structure of our Year 9 program and will also encourage all students to participate in extra-curricular opportunities both inside and outside of the school. We believe that the inclusion of community programs will give all students a chance to develop skills in leadership and problem solving.

Our Year 9 Program will prioritise Personal and Social Learning, enabling our students to become independent, responsible and confident members of the school, local and global communities. The skills students will practise and develop will be centred around leadership, teamwork, organisation, managing relationships, goal setting, self-motivation, self-regulation and communication.

Exciting times are ahead!

If you would like to contribute your ideas and dreams for our Year 9 Program please email us @ [shepparton.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:shepparton.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au)

We look forward to working closely with students, families and members of the wider Greater Shepparton community to design and implement an engaging, motivating, supportive and enriching Year 9 Program for our new school.